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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SET FOR HEARING: March 25, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROPOSED 2014 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE,
TITLE 32 (FIRE) AND CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Fire Department and the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) requests approval of the proposed ordinance amending the County Fire Code (Title 32) which adopts by reference, with certain changes and amendments, the 2013 California Fire Code, the 2012 International Fire Code, and adopts Title 32 as the Fire Code for the District. The ordinance also adopts certain more stringent building standards and makes the required findings that these are necessary due to local climatic, geological, and/or topographical conditions in the County.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE DISTRICT AND AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Introduce, waive reading, and schedule a public hearing for ~~February 25, 2014~~ March 25, 2014, regarding the attached ordinance, amending Title 32 of the Los Angeles County Code and adopting Title 32 as the Fire Code for the District.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS
ARTESIA
AZUSA
BALDWIN PARK
BELL
BELL GARDENS
BELLFLOWER
BRADBURY

CALABASAS
CARSON
CERRITOS
CLAREMONT
COMMERCE
COVINA
CUDAHY

DIAMOND BAR
DUARTE
EL MONTE
GARDENA
GLEN DORA
HAWAIIAN GARDENS
HAWTHORNE

HIDDEN HILLS
HUNTINGTON PARK
INDUSTRY
INGLEWOOD
IRVINDALE
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
LA HABRA

LA MIRADA
LA PUENTE
LAKEWOOD
LANCASTER
LAWDALE
LOMITA
LYNWOOD

MALIBU
MAYWOOD
NORWALK
PALMDALE
PALOS VERDES ESTATES
PARAMOUNT
PICO RIVERA

POMONA
RANCHO PALOS VERDES
ROLLING HILLS
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
ROSEMEAD
SAN DIMAS
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL
SOUTH EL MONTE
SOUTH GATE
TEMPLE CITY
WALNUT
WEST HOLLYWOOD
WESTLAKE VILLAGE
WHITTIER

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE DISTRICT AND AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Find that the attached ordinance is exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3).
2. Find that the proposed changes and modifications to building standards contained in the 2013 California Fire Code are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, and/or topographical conditions in the County and District, as detailed in the ordinance.
3. ~~Adopt the ordinance and establish the operative date as February 27, 2014.~~ The ordinance shall become effective 30 days after it is adopted.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The enclosed ordinance, when adopted, will update and set forth provisions and regulations for the enforcement of Title 32 within the unincorporated areas of the County and in the cities served by the District.

This code update cycle occurs every three years when the State adopts new building standards that require cities, counties, and fire districts to update their codes to conform to the new State Fire Code. The California Health and Safety Code requires that the County adopt the same building standards as those contained in the California Building Standards Code with the exception that the County may establish more restrictive building standards reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geologic, and/or topographic conditions. Health and Safety Code Section 18941.5 requires that all County amendments, together with the State Building Standards Code, become effective 180 days after the publication of the State Building Standards Code. It is recommended that your Honorable Board establish the operative date of the ordinance ~~to be February 27, 2014~~ as effective 30 days after it is adopted.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the proposed ordinance is consistent with Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal Number 3, Integrated Service Delivery, to maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be minimal fiscal impact necessitated by training staff and implementing the new requirements in the fire code. Costs associated with such efforts will be covered by the District's existing and anticipated budget, or will be recovered from review and permit fees.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The ordinance amending Title 32 of the Los Angeles County Code has been approved as to form by County Counsel, and an analysis is enclosed.

The proposed ordinance adopts by reference the 2013 California Fire Code, which incorporates by adoption the 2012 edition of the International Fire Code, and adds amendments that address the unique conditions existing in Los Angeles County. This ordinance repeals certain sections of Title 32 and the incorporation of the 2010 California Fire Code and the 2009 International Fire Code. All sections that are not repealed remain unchanged and in full force and effect. Many of the sections that are not repealed involve existing fees which all remain unchanged. The proposed ordinance also adopts Title 32 as the Fire Code for the District.

In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 50022.3, your Honorable Board must schedule a public hearing after the first reading of the title of the adopting ordinance. Notices of the hearing shall be published pursuant to Government Code Section 6066. Per California Health and Safety Code, Section 13869.7, a copy of the proposed ordinance amending Title 32 adopted must be on file with the Executive Office of the Board at least 15 days preceding the public hearing. A copy of the 2013 California State Fire Code and 2012 International Fire Code, which are both being incorporated by reference into Title 32, have also been provided to the Executive Office of the Board.

State law allows the County and District to adopt more restrictive building standards that are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions. All of the amendments that constitute more restrictive building standards that are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions in the County of Los Angeles.

Pursuant to State law, express findings for each amendment based upon climatic, geological, or topographical conditions are included in a table at the end of the ordinance listing the sections in the ordinance that are considered more restrictive building standards and makes the required findings that are necessary. The ordinance also contains various administrative changes that do not require any local findings.

Per California Health and Safety Code, Section 13869.7, the District sent the cities served by the District a copy of the proposed ordinance 30 days before the notice of the public hearing was published seeking public comments. Per California Health and Safety Code, Section 13869.7, the cities in the District may ratify, modify, or deny a fire protection district's adoption of more restrictive building standards. District amendments that are more restrictive building standards must be ratified by the city in order for those amendments to be enforceable within the city's jurisdiction. Following approval by your Honorable Board, the District will work with each of the cities it serves to adopt and implement the new District Fire Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

Other departments will be required to comply with the provisions of the ordinance once it is operative. The revisions to Title 32 contain considerable changes to fire and life safety provisions and building standards which could affect enforcement requirements of local municipalities. An informational letter, summary of primary changes, and a copy of the proposed ordinance, including the findings related to the adoption of more restrictive building standards, was sent to all of the cities served by the District on December 10, 2013, for their review and comment.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Adoption of this ordinance which amends Title 32 of the Los Angeles County Code is exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b).

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office
Business Operations
Acting Chief Deputy Mark J. Bennett
Mark.J.Bennett@fire.lacounty.gov

Respectfully submitted,



DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of Los Angeles

From: (Public Agency) County of Los Angeles
Consolidated Fire Protection District (CFPD)
(Address)
1320 N. Eastern Ave, L.A., CA 90063

Project Title: Revisions to Title 32 (Fire Code) of the of Los Angeles County Code and CFPD

Project Location - Specific: Unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and all cities served by
the District (See attached map)

Project Location - City: See Above Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Updates current version of Title 32 (Fire Code) of the Los Angeles County Code and CFPD

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15061 (b) Title 14 California Code of Regulations
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: CEQA Guidelines exempt this project from California Environmental
Quality Act provisions. A project is exempt from CEQA where it can be seen with a certainty that
there is no possibility that an activity may have a significant affect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Phil Cocker, Fire Marshal Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (323) 890-4144

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Forrest Nadeau Date: 9/23/13 Title: Chief, Forestry Division

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

☒ Signed by Applicant

Revised October 1989

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FIRE CODE (TITLE 32) OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE AND TO ADOPT TITLE 32 AS THE FIRE CODE
FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES
COUNTY, BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, WITH CERTAIN CHANGES AND
AMENDMENTS, THE 2013 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, AND ADOPTING BY
REFERENCE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the matter of the proposed County of Los Angeles and Consolidated Fire Protection District of the County of Los Angeles (District) ordinance to amend Title 32 of the Los Angeles County Code and to adopt Title 32 as the Fire Code for the District by adopting by reference, with certain changes and local amendments, the 2013 Edition of the California Fire Code and the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code, will be held in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue) Los Angeles, California, on the 25th day of March 2014, at the hour of 9:30 am, at which time evidence will be taken and all persons interested will be heard by the Board of Supervisors.

Notice is further given that copies of the County of Los Angeles Fire Code and the proposed amendments being considered for adoption and a copy of the 2013 California State Fire Code and 2012 International Fire Code which are both being incorporated by reference, are on file with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, Room 383, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, and are open for public inspection.

Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors at the above address.

For further information, please call the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division, at (323) 890-4226.

Si no entiende esta noticia o si necesita mas informacion, favor de llamar a este numero (323) 890-4226.

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER CLERK OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES